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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 5.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 76°, 8 p. m., 89°; maximum, 86°; minimum, 70°; mean 78°; Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month up to date, 1.19.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

With the exception of heavy local rains along the coast of the Carolinas and over central Georgia, and light showers over Tennessee, Louisiana and Southern Texas, the weather continues fair and warm. Maximum temperature at Wilmington for the 24 hours ended at 8 a. m. yesterday was 93 degrees; Charlotte, 93; Goldsboro; 95; Greensboro, 95; Lumberton, 96; Weldon, 88.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina; fair; easterly to southerly winds.

The weather is generally clear, with warmer southerly winds throughout the central valleys and thence eastward to the Atlantic coast.

OUTLINES.

Alabama's election—Democrats will control both Houses of the State Assembly; Johnson's majority for Governor will go beyond 40,000. ——Collapse of a firm of Chicago stock speculators; Moore Bros. losers to the tune of seven or eight million dollars; the Stock Exchange closed to avoid a panic; the effect in New York. ——Florida Democrats —A threatened split in the party averted by the State Executive Committee. ——Newport, Pennsylvania, bank officers indicted for receiving deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent. ——Large contributions of money in aid of the Cuban insurgents was shipped yesterday. ——Minnesota Democratic State Convention in favor of free silver coinage. ——Missouri Democratic State Convention will meet today; free silver men will carry the day. ——There was a Republican conference held in New York yesterday afternoon in regard to the situation in Virginia; the campaign will be carried on by Col. Lamb and his State. ——No fusion between the Democrats and Populists in Indiania on the electorial ticket. —— Gold-bug Democrats—A large attendance expected at the Indianapolis conference.——N.Y. markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@3½ per cent; last loan at 2, and closing offered at 2 per cent; cotton quoted quiet; middling gulf 7¾c; middling uplands 7¾c; Southern flour quiet and steady; common to fair extra $2 00@2 60; good to choice $2 60@2 90; wheat—spot dull and firmer; corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 31½c. at elevator and 33½c. afloat; spirits turpentine was quiet and easy at 24@24½c; rosin dull but steady; strained common to good $1.60.

Since the adoption of the serum treatment for diphtheria in Paris the percentage of deaths has been reduced from 56 to 48 per cent.

What's the use of getting the blues when a fellow can go down to Florida and make $5,000 an acre raising pine apples? There is no use in pining.

The late George Law left a very interesting widow 33 years younger than himself. He also left her $8,000,000, which will not make her less interesting.

McKinley says we have paid gold thus far and we must keep it up, which means that we must keep on borrowing and increasing the national debt.

The Deutsche Steetelegraphengesellschaft is going to lay a cable between Germany and Spain. A company which can tote a name like that ought to be competent to girdling the earth.

The National Republican Protective Association announces that it will work for McKinley. Judging from the intent and purposes of this organization this reads like a somewhat superfluous announcement.

It is said that more money has already been promised to Mark Hanna than in three other campaigns. They are even tapping bolting Democrats for contributions. Hanna is doubtless counting on a big boodle, but he will need it all.

A Republican contemporary rises to inquire, "What is a Democrat?" Well, in a general sort of a way, not to go into particulars, a Democrat is a person who does not believe in going around with his hands in other people's pockets.

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A Freeport, Long Island, congregation bounced its pastor because he showed a grabbing propensity. Notwithstanding the fact that they paid him the munificent stipend of $25 a month, he persisted in grabbing for oysters, between his Sunday labors. They didn't think this comported with the dignity of a gospel expounder who got $25 a month.

A Chicago man says he has perfected a system of utilizing the rays of the sun, so as to furnish heat and motive power for the human family, thus dispensing with fuel, steam, electricity and all that sort of thing. Well, that's all right, if some of the coal barons don't get hold of him and buy him off.

To fully guard against accidents, a Philadelphia man who became tired of that town went into the woods, climbed a fence, fastened a rope to a limb and then around his neck, drank a vial of laudanum, shot a bullet in his mouth and dropped. The triple combination was a success.

A New York doctor wants a divorce from his wife because she persists in loving her poodle dog more than him. She seems to have a preference for small dogs. As she dog gedly refuses to be divorced from the little dog, he insists on being divorced from her.

A sculptor in Italy is working on a life size bust of President Cleveland. But this bust will be nothing in comparison with the bust that Cleveland made when he refused to waltz up to the mark and give his loyal support to the Presidential ticket nominated at Chicago.

Next Sunday Evan E. Anderson a St. Louis bike rider is going to try to ride a mile in less than a minute. The run will take place on the track of St. Louis, Chicago and St. Paul Railroad, near Granite City, Ill., about ten milles from St. Louis,

Tom Watson in full suit and with his boots on weighs only 120 pounds. But Tom is constructed out of elastic material, and when he gets filled with a resolve to "save the party," he weighs three tons in his night shirt.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—To wheelmen.
I O R M—Excursion to Newbern.
OPERA HOUSE—Barlow's Minstrels.
AUGUSTA REGATTA—Car. Yacht Club

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. G. H. Powell, of Fair Bluff, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Herbert Galloway left for Washington, D. C. yesterday.

— Miss Nellie Huhn, who has been quite sick, is improving.

— Miss Bertha Clark, of White Hall, is visiting friends in the city.

— Mr. B. G. Empie is at home again, after an absence of a few weeks.

— Mr. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Mr. J. H. Westbrook, of Rocky Point, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Milton Elliott is assisting in the Treasurer's office, A. C. L., for the summer.

— Judge D. L. Russell returned yesterday from a visit to the western part of the State.

— Mr. D. P. Williams, mayor of the little town of Roseboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Miss Nessie Wescott left yesterday for Southport to be at the bedside of her grandfather, Mr. Jno. L. Wescott, who is reported very low and not expected to live.

— The STAR regrets to learn that the condition of Mr. DuBrutz Cutlar was not favorable yesterday. Mr. Louis Cutlar left yesterday for Marion, N. C., to be at his father's bedside.

— Messrs. M. V. Hardin, Fayetteville; D. F. Nicholson, Chapel Hill; R. S. Carr, South Carolina; P. B. Wilkes, North Carolina; Bruce Williams, Bargaw, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Produce Exchange.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange held yesterday, Rule six of the Rules of Trade was amended as follows: Machine-made barrels repaired with machine-made staves and (or) heads, shall be a good delivery for machine-made barrels.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— There was four feet of water in the river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 a. m.

— The Norwegian barque *Bygdo*, arrived at Southport Monday and was ordered to Sapelo quarantine station.

— An excursion from Greensboro, under the auspices of the Fire Department of that place, will arrive here today.

— Chas. Walker, colored, charged yesterday with larceny, in the City Court, was sent to jail in default of a bail bond in the sum of $100.

— The fifteen-cent trip on the 5.15 boat to Carolina Beach Pier and return is very popular. Capt. Harper carries down a large crowd every afternoon.

— The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will sell round trip tickets for Charlotte on account of meeting of Grand Lodge G. U. O. of O. F., August 4 to 7. Rate from Wilmington, $7.75.

— A meeting of the Wheelmen and all other persons interested in bicycling in Wilmington, will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

— The August regatta of the Carolina Yacht Club will be over the Club House course next Saturday, August 8th, at 4 o'clock p. m. Boats will report at the Club House at 4 p. m. The Long Island racing rules will govern the time allowance.

—Charlotte *Observer*: "The Quicksteps met defeat at the hands of the Wilmington club—score 6 to 3. It was a fine game. Those who love ball, will be repaid by a trip to the park to-day. Those fellows from the coast play ball with a vengeance."

— The manager of the Wilmington base ball team, Mr. W. P. Monroe, has decided to join the Red Men on their excursion to Newbern Friday, and play a game of ball with the Newbern boys. Every one going is requested to wear a badge of red, white and blue ribbon, the colors of the Wilmington team.

Colored Boy Drowned.

Oscar Robinson, a colored boy about twelve years of age, was accidentally drowned yesterday afternoon in Cape Fear river at the foot of Princess street, Oscar, a grandson of Henry Robinson, a well-known lighterman of this city, was on a wood-flat in the dock, and in passing to another flat, fell between the two. Several colored men nearby watched for the boy to rise to the surface of the water, but as he did not come in view it is supposed that he rose under the bottom of one of the two flat-boats. Search was made for the body all the afternoon, and last night up to a late hour the river in the vicinity was dragged by the searchers, but only the hat of the unfortunate boy was found.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—7 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—43 casks spirits turpentine, 119 bbls rosin, 14 bbls tar, 1 bbl crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—92 casks spirits turpentine, 143 bbls rosin.

Steamer D Murchison—25 casks spirits; turpentine, 91 bbls rosin, 69 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer Daggett—11 casks spirits turpentine, 65 bbls rosin, 6 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Spirits turpentine, 178 casks; rosin, 418 bbls; tar, 95 bbls; crude turpentine, 27 bbls.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington Postoffice August, 5, 1896:

WOMEN'S LIST.

C—Mrs. Ella Carter. D—Miss Eila Davis. F—Mrs. Mary Frelson, Mrs. M. J. Freeman, Miss M. J. Frink. H—Mrs. C. C. Harriss, Mrs. Rebecca Hill. L—Mrs. Lucy A. Lardent. M—Miss Nellie McMillan. Miss Dilsie McNeil. R—Mrs. Eruthea Rawles. S—Miss Agnes Short, Miss Mollie Sanders, Miss Mary Smith. W—Mrs. Ann D. Wright, Mrs. Maggie Wilder, Mrs. Mg. Ward.

MEN'S LIST.

B—David Biers, H. W. Brown, W. H. Brown. C—Andrew Ciavatta, Antonia Costabel, Cumry Clewin, J. F. Cline, Walter Council. G—Henrique Gonvalez, W. W. Gore. H—Ben F. Houston, Eugene C. Hunter, M. L. Hawkins. J—Jerry Jelad, William Jones. L—Jno. E. Lindsy. Max Lang. Rev Lea Oil Co. P—Frank Powell. J. C. Padison, Powers & Jones. R—E. F. Rollings.

RETURNED FROM DEAD-LETTER OFFICE.

C—Walter Conner. M—Geo. E. McClure. R—Josephine Reibter. S—Henry Sellars.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in 15 days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

A "Cungeration" Doctor in the Toils.

Doctor Coghill, a colored man, charged with obtaining money by false pretence by "cungeration" as the warrant states, was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff Simon A. Richardson and lodged in jail, to appear this morning before Justice Geo. W. Price for examination. There are a dozen or more warrants against the "doctor," who has been "weeding a wide row" among the colored folks in this and adjoining counties.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our 'Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board Approves and Accepts Bond of T. A. Watson as Cattle Weigher—And Disapproves Purchase of Shells Under Existing Contract.

Only three of the five members of the Board of Audit and Finance were present at the regular meeting held yesterday afternoon—Messrs. Wm. Calder (chairman), H. C. McQueen and C. H. Ganzer.

A communication from the Police Board in relation to the appointment of cattle-weigher was read by the clerk. It recited that at the first meeting of the Police Board, held March 29, 1895, a resolution was unanimously adopted that all officers and employes of the city appointed by that board should remain in office or employment subject to the pleasure of that board; that on April 19, 1895, Wallace H. Styron was elected cattle weigher. That on May 17th, 1896, the Police Board went into an election for officers and employes under its jurisdiction, for this year, and Thomas Watson was elected cattle weigher. The clerk of the Police Board was ordered to notify Mr. Styron that his name had been dropped from the roll, and on July 11th following, the clerk was ordered to notify Mr. W. H. Styron that he must vacate his office as cattle weigher July 31st, 1896. The Board of Audit and Finance was requested to either accept or reject Mr. Watson's bond as cattle weigher.

The Board of Audit and Finance having referred the matter to the Board of Aldermen with the request for information why Mr. Watson's bond should not be accepted if approved by the Board of Audit and Finance, received in reply the following:

Your communication relative to Mr. Thos. Watson's bond was received and read before the Board of Aldermen and the clerk is instructed to write your board to return Mr. Watson's bond to the Board of Police, as there is no vacancy in the office of cattle weigher, as Mr. Styron was elected on April 13, 1895, for two years.

After consideration of the matter, on motion, the bond of Thos. A. Watson as cattle weigher was approved and accepted with M. F. Croom and A. Shrier sureties, in the sum of $200 each.

Two bills of E. H. Freeman amounting to $57.68 for shells, were presented, approved by the Mayor; but each bore the endorsement, "I decline to approve this bill, as the shells are not of a good quality. [Signed] L. H. BRYAN."

On motion, the two bills were referred to the Board of Aldermen and its attention called to conflict of endorsements as to quality of the shells, with the suggestion that the city should not be called upon to pay for shells that are not of good quality; also, whether it would be proper, in justice to the contractor as well as the city, that the Board should notify him that the city does not desire any more shells from him under this contract.

Bills were audited and approved for current expenses amounting to $5,520 94.

CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Cotton Shedding Bolls and Opening Rapidly—Corn and Tobacco Injured by Hot Dry Weather.

The bulletin issued by the North Carolina Agricultural Bureau says:

The past week was the hottest of the present summer; every day was considerably above the normal in temperature and the maximum reached as high as 102 degrees. It was also very dry, though a few favorable local showers occurred. There was a large amount of sunshine. On the whole these conditions have been very unfavorable, except in the northeastern and western portions of the State. Corn and tobacco are firing, and cotton is shedding bolls, besides being forced to maturity; it is beginning to open rapidly.

Eastern District—The past week has been extremely hot and dry; beneficial showers occurred at a few points. In the northern portion of the district crops are generally reported as improved; elsewhere all crops are suffering for want of rain. Cotton may still be considered fine; it is now opening and picking is not far off. There were more reports of shedding bolls and leaves than last week, caused by heat and drought; the crop is now maturing very rapidly. Old corn was ripe before the drought set in, but late corn is needing rain badly and has fired considerably. Fodder is now being pulled and stacked. Tobacco is being cured rapidly; much of it being parched. Farmers are planting turnip seed now. Peanuts, sweet potatoes, peas and rice promise abundant yields.

Central District—Extreme heat and great dryness prevailed this week, with decidedly unfavorable influence on all crops. Good rains occurred in portions of Alamance, Randolph, Richmond and Rockingham on Thursday, and a damaging local wind-storm in Chatham and Orange; elsewhere rain is badly required. A great decline in the condition of cotton is taking place; some rust and much shedding of bolls and leaves reported; plants look wilted; opening fast in south. Corn crop good; much fodder pulled. Late corn needs rain badly and is firing. Tobacco also firing and curing is forced in some sections nearly a month earlier than usual. Sowing turnip seed interrupted. Some cabbage bursting open. Sweet potatoes and peas not injured.

Western District—The effect of the hot, dry weather has not been so injurious to crops in this district, and in the west has been quite favorable, but a good season is needed. Cotton on sandy land has been injured, but generally it is doing well and blooming freely; much less shedding is reported than from other districts. Early and late corn need rain; there is some firing; fodder-pulling will begin next week. Curing tobacco has begun in only a few sections yet; the drought prevents spreading, and some damage by flea-bugs is still reported. Sweet potatoes and peas doing well. Turnip seed being planted and land prepared for wheat. In extreme west saving oats and hay still progressing.

Cumberland Mills Closed.

The Fayetteville *Observer* of yesterday says:

The community was grieved by the news last night that the Cumberland Mills Manufacturing Company had been closed by a process issued by Judge Starbuck in chambers, and served by the sheriff yesterday. We learn, upon inquiry, that a judgment for $7,000 was obtained by the Atlantic National Bank of Winston.

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RALEIGH NEWS ITEMS.

DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED BY CHAIRMAN MANLY.

Meeting of the Executive Committee Called for August 10th—The Crops and the Weather—State Sunday School Association.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, Aug. 4, 1896.

Chairman Manly is making preparations to get in his new headquarters at the earliest possible moment. He is very busy with his correspondence and his stenographers and typewriters at work. A meeting of the Executive Committee has been called August 10th. The chairman makes the request that the Democratic newspapers send copies to the headquarters during the campaign.

Quite a number of Raleigh people will attend the Bryan notification in New York.

Register of Deeds Rogers, whose life was despaired of a few days ago, is possibly recovering.

A conference is going on at Senator Pritchard's home in Marshall. Judge Russell and other Republican celebrities are there.

The rain yesterday afternoon came as a great relief to local crops. The intense heat of the past two weeks has been very severe on the crops and many farmers report their crops badly scorched. Much damage was done by the intense heat.

The State Sunday School Association will not have an annual meeting this year, owing to several unfavorable interruptions.

A large number of Raleigh people are attending the sessions of the Baptist Sunday school Chautauqua at Morehead.

Here is a significant paragraph from the *Progressive Farmer*, when it is remembered that Editor Ramsey was a rank "middle-of-the-road" Populist at St. Louis: "The middle-of-the-road" men who went to St. Louis and came back home again without yielding to the siren songs of the Bryan crowd, were beaten fairly or unfairly, but they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are not to blame if it turns out that the great reform forces have been bartered away, temporarily, at least."

It is stated that Mr. Hal W. Ayer, editor of the *Caucasian*, will be the Populist candidate for Secretary of State.

Judge Russell passed through to-day from Marshall. He spoke at Asheville last night.

Locke Craige and Ki Gudger, candidates for electors, got into a difficulty yesterday, while speaking at Marshall. They were separated before any damage was done.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Hal Ayer says in regard to Senator Jones' interview, repudiating Southern Populists, that the latter has gone to lying. He says Jones would rather support Cleveland and Carlisle than Bryan. He brands him as a Bourbon Democrat, and says he is an insincere advocate of silver. "If he is the mouthpiece of Bryan, his statements would seem to mean something, but as it is, they do not," remarked Ayer.

OPERA HOUSE.

Barlow Brothers' Minstrel Entertainment To-Night.

To-night at the Opera House Barlow Brothers' Minstrels will "hold down the boards." Mirth will reign supreme. In speaking of the performance of this aggregation of minstrel stars, the Petersburg *Daily Index-Appeal*, of yesterday, says:

Notwithstanding the sweltering temperature which has prevailed here for several days, a large and refined audience greeted the Barlow Bros. Minstrels in their opening performance of the season at the Academy of Music last evening, and in return for any inconvenience or discomfort from the weather was rewarded with one of the finest minstrel entertainments ever given in this city. The voices are unusually good, the musical selections new and catchy, and, as far as the writer could discern, there was not a single chestnut in the brilliant and sparkling display of wit and humor which kept the audience in almost continuous laughter from beginning to end. The repertoire of the vocalists is extensive and of rare quality, the comedians are exquisitely and irresistibly funny, and all the specialists are well up in lines of new and attractive specialties such as jugglery, contortions and other acrobatic features. The programme is long but not tedious, and the audience last evening gave frequent and generous evidence of appreciation and enjoyment. The return of Barlow Bros.' Minstrels to this city will be sure to receive a liberal and cordial welcome. We most heartily commend the company and the proprietors to the good will of our contemporaries as worthy their confidence, aid and encouragement. If this combination does not prove a success on the road, the failure will be due to other causes than lack of merit on its part.

Watch for the big street parade. Seats on sale at Yates'.

— Miss Sarah Kelly, of Charlotte, and Miss Queenie McDonald, of Greensboro, are visiting Miss Bessie D. Burtt.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

20 Per Cent. Discount
FOR CASH ONLY
on all Ladies' and Gentlemen's
TAN.
Lace, Button Shoes and Oxfords.
No Old Stock,
But New Goods
that must be sold to make room for our Fall stock.
Canvass Leggins at 75c.
Light weight Jersey Leggins, Black and Tan, at $1 00.
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THE ONLY CARGO
NEW CROP MOLASSES
directly imported from the
West Indies,
is now discharging at our wharf.
Ex-Schr. Wm. Linthicum,
Direct from Barbadoes. Superior quality. Low prices.
Samples and prices furnished by
WORTH & WORTH,
Only Importers of Molasses in North Carolina.
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Improved Order Red Men.
GRAND FAMILY EXCURSION TO NEWBERN, via W., N. & N. (Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railway), Friday, August 7. No pains has been spared to make this the best Excursion of the season. Clean, Cool Cars. Plenty of Ice Water Free. Polite Porters, Accommodating Conductors. Tons of liquid and solid Refreshments at purely living prices only. A beautiful Sitting Room Car will be attached, and Reserved Seats can be secured in advance at the small price of 25 cents extra for the round trip. No drunken or disorderly conduct will be permitted, as tickets are sold with the distinct understanding that all such persons will be ejected. $1 00 for the round trip, $1.00. Children under 12 years, 50 cents. Train leaves Grace Street (formerly Mulberry) Depot promptly at 7 a. m., and at Surry street, 7.15 a. m.
Tickets now on sale and may be had at the Drug Stores of H. L. Fentress, J. H. Hardin, James D. Nutt. tun wed thr au 2 3t

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BARLOW BROS. MINSTRELS.
Two hours of solid fun.
The strongest aggregation of funmakers, singers and Vaudvil stars. The best "burnt cork" artists on the stage.
Street parade daily.
Seats on sale at Yates' Tuesday morning. aug 2 3t

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The last lot (for this season) of Sub-marine Bathing Caps and Sponges just received. aug 2 tf

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7,000 Yds nice pieced Bagging
1,000 Bundles Ties.
8,000 Pounds Soap.
1,100 Gross Matches.
3,000 Pounds Snuff.
We appreciate your trade.
W. B. COOPER,
jy 31 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

A Called Meeting of Wheelmen.
A MEETING OF WHEELMEN AND ALL interested in wheeling is called at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock.
JAMES C. SMITH,
WALKER TAYLOR,
JAMES D. NUTT,
F. A. LORD,
P. HEINSBERGER, JR.,
J. H. DURHAM.
August 4, 1896. au 3 1t

August Regatta.
THE AUGUST REGATTA OF THE Carolina Yacht Club will be sailed over the club course on next Saturday, August 8th. Boats are ordered to report at club wharf at 4 o'clock p. m. Race to start at 4.30 p. m. The race will be sailed on the time allowance of the Long Island Racing Union. By order of Regatta Committee
JNO. K. WILLIAMS, Measurer.
aug 5 1t

Leaders.
ELECTRIC LIGHTS, ELECTRIC FANS, solid comfort, most Expert Workmen in the State, everything first-class. Your patronage solicited.
H. C. PREMPERT'S SONS, Experts in Barbering.
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Combination Bicycle
FOR SALE.
A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at STAR OFFICE.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, New Hanover County, } Superior Court.
J. G. Barentine, vs. Walker Meares, Adelaide S. Meares, Eliza A. Munds, William C. Munds, Nee Kidder Meares, Margaret K. Meares, Joshua W. Meares, and W. A. Wright, Administrator de bonis non cum testamento annexo of W. A. Wright, deceased
This is an action for the foreclosure of a mortgage of both real and personal estate, situate in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, in which the defendant, Joshua W. Meares, has an interest. And it appearing that the said defendant is a non-resident of this State, and that the Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of the action. Now therefore this is to command the said defendant, Joshua W. Meares, to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, to be held in the Court House in the city of Wilmington, on the third Monday after the first Monday in September, 1896, and answer, or demur, to the complaint in said action, or judgment will be rendered according to the complaint.
JNO. D. TAYLOR, Clerk Superior Court.
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SUMMER RESORTS.

SPARKLING
CATAWBA SPRINGS.
For Thirty Years the Favorite Resort of the People of the Cape Fear Section.
OPEN JUNE 1st.
These justly celebrated Springs of North Carolina are beautifully located in the shade of the Blue Ridge—climate delightful, waters eminently curative for
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THIS FAMOUS RESORT IS AT ALL TIMES open for the reception of guests.
The Mineral Springs,
Ten in number and all of different analyses, and are unsurpassed for medicinal virtues. No watering place on the Atlantic coast
Offers Superior Advantages
to those seeking rest and health. The large number of persons who have been
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WAS THIS PROPHETIC?

The agitation for the free coinage of silver has been characterized by the gold standard people as "a craze," but yet they have been somewhat inconsistently carrying on a "campaign of education" to convince these crazy silver people of the error of their ways, and also, presumably, to prevent other people from becoming crazy. If it be "a craze," as they call it, there are now, unless all the indications are at fault, more crazy people in these United States than sane ones. But if it be a craze it isn't a sudden one, for it has been growing ever since silver was struck from the list of dollars in 1873.

The agitation for the restoration of silver began soon after that and took substantial form in 1878 in the passage of the Bland-Allison act. The "craze was quieted then and remained quiet until the same agencies which secured the demonetization of silver in 1873 succeeded in securing the repeal of the Bland-Allison act in 1890, which was replaced by the Sherman act; but when the same agencies which secured the demonetization in 1873 and the repeal of the Bland-Allison act in 1890 succeeded in 1893 in securing the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act the craze broke out again and has been running wild, so to speak, over the country ever since, taking possession of big folks and little folks, young folks and old folks, male folks and female folks, white folks and colored folks, regardless of creed or calling or previous condition. About the only persons who are not affected more or less by it are those who are infatuated with yellow money, and even these are about half crazy with the fear that the white metal crazy people will run over them, capture the Government and proclaim the white metal coined good and lawful money of the United States not only for the native-born or adopted citizen who does not hold a Government I. O. U. but for the native-born or adopted citizen who does and for the distinguished gentleman on the other side of the waters whose occupation is dealing in bonds, stocks, etc.

But if this be a "craze," as they have been in the habit of calling it, it is one of the most methodical crazes that ever struck this or any other country, and it has shown a staying, growing quality which negatives the idea that it is a mere flitting contagion which will run its course, like the grip or the pink-eye, for instance, peg out and vamoose.

As the circles spread from the stone dropped into the lake until they finally encircle the whole of it, so this "craze" has been widening the circle until it reaches from ocean to ocean from the Lakes to the Rio Grande. And there are good reasons why it has. The free coinage of silver was no whim, but begun, as we have stated, when the people began to realize the consequences of the demonetization of silver, and has been kept up more or less ever since, save when it was temporarily quieted by the recognition of silver in the passage of the Bland-Allison act, and its substitute the Sherman act. The wiping out of both of these brought the silver agitation to the front again, and there it will stay until it is settled. In a speech delivered in the Senate in January, 1891, J. J. Ingalls, then a Senator of Kansas, thus gave some of the reasons for this agitation, or as they call it, craze:

Mr. President, there is not a State west of the Alleghany mountains and south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers that is not in favor of the free coinage of silver. There is not a State which, if the proposition were to be submitted to a popular vote, it would not be adopted by an overwhelming majority. I do not mean by that inclusion to say that in those States east of the Alleghanies and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers there is any hostility or indisposition to receive the benefits that would result from the remonetization of silver. On the contrary, in the great commonwealths that lie to the northeast upon the Atlantic seaboard, New York, Pennsylvania, and the manufacturing and commercial States, I am inclined to believe, from the tone of the press, from the declarations of many assemblies, that if the proposition were to be submitted there it would also receive a majority of the votes.

If the proposition were to be submitted to the vote of this country at large whether the silver dollar should be recoined and silver remonetized, notwithstanding the prophecies, the predictions, the animadversions of those who are not opposed to it, I would have not the slightest doubt that the great majority of the people, irrespective of party, would be in favor of it, and would so record themselves. They have declared in favor of it for the past fifteen years, and they have been juggled with, they have been thwarted, they have been paltered with and dealt with in a double sense. The word of promise that was made to their ear in the platforms of political parties have been broken to their hope. There was a majority in this body at the last session of Congress in favor of the free coinage of silver. The compromise that was made was not what the people expected, nor what they had a right to demand. They felt they had been trifled with, and that is one cause of the exaggeration expressed in the verdict of November 4.

I feel impelled to make one further observation. Warnings and admonitions have been plenty in this debate. We have been admonished of the danger that would follow; we have been notified of what would occur if the free coinage of silver were supported by a majority of this body, or if it were to be adopted as a part of our financial system. I am not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I say to those who are now arraying themselves against the deliberately expressed judgment of the American people, a judgment that they know has been declared and recorded—I say to the members of this body, I say, so far as I may do so with propriety to the members of the co-ordinate branch of Congress, and I say, it without impropriety I may do so, to the executive of the nation, that there will come a time when the people will be trifled with no longer on this subject.

Once, twice, thrice by executive intervention, Democratic and Republican, by parliamentary proceedings that I need not characterize, by various methods of legislative jugglery, the deliberate purpose of the American people, irrespective of party, has been thwarted, it has been defied, it has been contumeliously trodden under foot; and I repeat to those who have been the instruments and the implements, no matter what the impulse or the motive or the intention may have been, at some time the people will elect a House of Representatives, they will elect a Senate of the United States and they will elect a President of the United States, who will carry out their pledges and execute the popular will.

This is history condensed, and true history, recited by a man who was then a loyal Republican, a "sound money" man, as they call them now. It was also a warning, and, in the light of the present situation, when the gold standard people are not sure of their footing anywhere, it reads like prophecy about to become fulfilled.

MINOR MENTION.

We have several times called attention to the bulldozing methods attempted to intimidate people and check the progress of the free silver movement. As another illustration we clip the following press dispatch:

OMAHA, NEB., July 31.—Considerable excitement prevails among farmers of Box Butte county over a communication received from the First National Bank of Alliance. The letter reads:

"Owing to the constant agitation of the financial policy of the United States and the socialistic feeling emanating from the Chicago Convention, there has been a doubt thrown over the minds of the people, such that points to the possibility of a greater panic than we have yet seen, should the laboring men of the country be thrown out of employment (now only half employed.)

"There will be great labor trouble, such as will call on our military and cause much distrust to the future outcome. We prefer to do nothing till there is more stability rather than take the chances of losing what we have, and would advise all our friends to stay out of debt. We will call in all our paper this Fall. We have your note ——, due ——. Please be prepared to meet it promptly, and do not ask for further time. Yours truly,

"R. M. HAMPTON, Cashier."

Who cashier Hampton is, or the size of the bank he represents, we do not know, but the purpose of this thing is so apparent the surprising thing is that any bank would lend itself to it. Possibly this might scare some unsophisticated, timid person, and gag him on the silver question, but there is great danger of it being instrumental in doing more than that, in alarming depositors who have any money in that bank, if there be any such, causing them to draw it out, to do it quickly, and thus precipitate a panic which might knock the bottom out of Mr. Hampton's bank, and the panic starting away out there in the rural regions of Nebraska might spread and knock the bottom out of other banks. The people who are running that bank may think they are doing a cute thing, but they do not seem to realize that they are playing with fire and running the risk of getting pretty badly roasted.

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☞ Senator Jones, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, is a pretty plain-spoken man, but he is not a fool, a fact which the campaign liar seems to have lost sight of when he reported Chairman Jones as saying that the Populists in the South would "go with the negroes, where they belong." Of course Senator Jones contradicted this as soon as his attention was called to it, and reported what he did say, but we have no doubt that this lie will be made to do campaign service, and will doubtless be decorated with picturesque trimmings as it passes from hand to hand. Representative Pearson, of this State, who is now in Washington, is quoted as saying "that was the kind of talk that was needed to cause them (the Populists) to come out openly and vote with the Republicans," realizing which Representative Pearson and his associate machine managers will doubtless not fail to spread this falsehood broadcast, notwithstanding the contradiction by Senator Jones. When a campaign lie gets a start it is hard for the truth to overtake it, especially when the lie is boosted by a corps of able-bodied, nimble-limbed, unscrupulous fellows who help it along and do all they can to throw obstacles in the way of the truth.

BOOK NOTICES.

The reader of engineering and industrial subjects will find *The Engineering Magazine* for August a valuable and interesting number, filled with instructive and entertaining matter, much of which is handsomely illustrated. Address Engineering Magazine, Times Building, New York.

The student of American economies and politics will be interested in the August number of *Gunton's Magazine*, which presents a dozen or more papers, from different standpoints, on subjects in which the American people are now interested. Published by The Political Science Publishing Company, Union Square, New York.

The Century for August is a superb number, gorgeously illustrated and filled with interesting reading matter. The papers presented are all of a high and instructive class. Among them is a sketch of Li Hung Chang, by Hon. John W. Foster, who assisted Li Hung Chang in making the treaty of peace with Japan. Published by the Century Company, Union Square, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Quay is beginning to predict. Mr. Quay is evidently unmindful of the fact that his reputation as a prophet has not been at par since the Republican National Convention.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Mr. Hanna says that the issues are honest finances and a protective tariff—by which he means "a sufficient readjustment of duties to bring to the Government enough revenue to pay its expenses." Think of McKinley's first lieutenant being converted by one day's stay in New York to a tariff for revenue only!—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— The Populists seem to be hugging to their breasts the delusive hope that Vice President Sewall will retire in the interest of Mr. Watson and there will be Democratic and Populist fusion in all the States. The wish is father to the thought and will not be realized. The Democrats have placed their ticket before the people of the country and will vote for it as nominated.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— It is very evident that President Cleveland is not a candidate for re-election. If he had been, his latest Cuban proclamation, we may be sure, would have been of a decidedly different tenor. It is lucky for Weyler that he has not had to encounter Mr. Cleveland under the Sackville conditions. As it is, the President feels under no obligation to cater to public opinion, and perhaps he feels a malicious satisfaction in deliberately flouting it.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— A Blank Easily Filled—He—"Man proposes"—what's the rest of that quotation?

She—Woman accepts.—*Chicago News.*

— "Is there really anybody in America who sincerely desires to have the stage elevated?"

"Yes, the gallery gods."—*Truth.*

— Briggs—Why did you get such a cheap trunk to go to the seaside with?

Griggs—I don't expect to bring it back with me."—*Puck.*

— Dr. Jalap—Let me see your tongue, please.

Patient—Oh, doctor, no tongue can tell how bad I feel.—*Boston Transcript.*

— The Rev. Mr. Longnecker (solemnly)—"Man is made of dust."

Young Skoffington—"So the girls think, anyhow."—*Puck.*

— Mrs. Mackay—"An' so ye have no mother now?"

Jimmy—"No, mum."

Mrs. Mackay—"Well, me boy, whenever ye feel the want of a good licking, come to me, and I'll be a mother to ye."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Aids to the Game of Golf.—"I played eighteen holes with Prof. Tongue yesterday. I envy that man."

"Why—does he play such a good game as all that?"

"No, the worst; but he can swear in seven languages, and he does it."—*Harper's Weekly.*

— Mrs. De Style—Were you at church last Sunday? I don't see you."

Mrs. De Fashion—I saw you.

Did you? How did you like my new bonnet?

Oh, it was perfectly lovely. It came from Paris, I'm sure.

Yes, my friend, Mrs. Devout, smuggled it in for me.—*New York Weekly.*

APPOINTMENTS WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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Carver's Creek circuit, Hebron, August 8.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville, August 9, 10.

Waccamaw circuit, Lebanon, August 10.

Elizabeth circuit, Purdie's, August 15, 16.

Magnolia circuit, Trinity, August 22, 23.

Bladen circuit, Bethel, August 29, 30.

Clinton circuit, Kendall's, September 5, 6.

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Onslow circuit, Swansboro, September 19, 20.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: We regret to announce the death of Rev. G. W. Hardison, formerly pastor of Davidson circuit, which occurred at his home in Mocksville last week.

— Charlotte *News*: The Elliott Furniture Factory was sold again to day. The property was bought by Capt. John Wilkes for $7,000. Receiver Cochrane will recommend that this sale be confirmed, and it is more than likely that this winds up the business, and that the factory will pass into the hands of Capt. Wilkes.

— Concord *Standard*: Maggie Sides, a young woman who lived with her brother-in-law, Matthew Cable, at Forest Hill, was found dead in her bed Saturday morning about 7 o'clock, having expired some time during Friday night. She was recovering from an attack of fever and had sat up all day Friday. When she retired Friday night she was in the brightest of spirits and was quite hearty. Her remains were taken to Stanly county, her former home, for interment. She was about 21 years of age.

— Newbern *Journal*: John Gatlin, colored, was assaulted by Dave Bowden, another colored man, yesterday and nearly killed. Gatlin had gone to the house of a colored woman, who lives near the ice factory to carry her some clothes which he wanted washed. While standing in the house talking to a strange woman who was there to see the washer-woman, he was knocked down from behind. Dave Bowden had slipped up and dealt him a blow on the head with the eye of an axe. Gatlin was knocked senseless and Bowden escaped.

— Salisbury *World*: Judge Daniel L. Russell, the Republican nominee for Governor, was in the city a short while yesterday morning on his way to Marshall, where he will spend several days with Senator Pritchard. On his way to Marshall after leaving Salisbury Judge Russell was introduced to George Hanger, the popular conductor on the Western. After inquiring as to his destination Mr. Hanger asked Judge Russell if he intended making any speeches. Judge Russell replied that he might possibly make a speech while in Madison county. "Well, after the roasting you have received from all sections of the State I wouldn't make any in another county in the State were I you," said Mr. Hanger, Judge Russell's reply, unfortunately, was not recorded.

—Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. Robert Furmidge, well known in this city, was killed last Thursday near Lumber Bridge. He was engaged in measuring a tree which had just been cut down, when one of its limbs, which had been broken off during the decent and lodged in a tree over the spot, fell and striking him on the head, killed him instantly. ——Chas. McKay is now laying between life and death, with a severe wound in his back, said to have been done by Joe Harrington with a knife. There was a big colored camp meeting going on at Beaver Creek church last night, which was broken up this morning about 2 o'clock by a terrible tragedy. During the height of the religious excitement, and it is said to have been intense, Harrington and McKoy got into a quarrel, which ended in Harrington drawing an ugly long-bladed knife and burying it into McKay's back, just between the shoulder blades. The camp meeting was instantly in an uproar and Harrington was seized, but he broke away from his captors and made his escape. The wounded man was brought to this city and placed in the care of Dr. Melchoir. The doctor does not know whether the man will live or not.

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His Own Ancestor.

"I am my own ancestor" was an expression used by Napoleon's famous marshal, Junot. After he had been created Duc d'Abrantes he was asked by one of the old nobility who were his ancestors, the question eliciting this naive but forcible retort.

Against His Principles.

"I don't mind eating biscuit made with baking powder," said the tramp, "but I draw the line at bread raised with yeast."

"I'd like to know why?" said the woman of the house, as she drew back the half loaf of white bread.

"The yeast that made that bread worked," answered the tramp, "and I cannot consistently affiliate with it."—Detroit Free Press.

WHY THE SEA IS SALT

IT HAS BEEN SO EVER SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

Of Great Benefit to Mankind—Continents Produced by the Skeletons of Animals That Could Not Have Lived In Fresh Water—Moses' Short Account.

The sea at present contains 90,000,000,000,000,000 tons of salt. If this salt could be gathered in a solid form and compressed into the shape of a cube, it would contain 10,178,000 cubic miles. Each edge of such a cube would measure somewhat more than 200 miles. This is enough to cover all the land on this globe with a uniform layer of salt to a depth of 1,000 feet.

This statement as to the saltiness of the sea is interesting enough in itself, but it is also suggestive. The questions may well be asked, Where did all this salt come from, and what is the use of it? Several scientific gentlemen have attempted to answer this first question, and their efforts are not entirely satisfactory. The second question is not so difficult.

According to the history of the creation of the world, as told by Moses in the Genesis, it is implied that the ocean existed before the land, for, on the "third day" the "water under the heavens" was gathered together and the dry land appeared.

This statement has bothered a great number of able philosophers, who, in their effort to stick to the letter of the Scripture and at the same time to reason out everything on perfectly natural principles, have been puzzled to know how such a grand transformation could be accomplished in one day. And their perplexity was not relieved when learned geologists announced that it must have required ages for the waters that enveloped the earth to subside and reveal this land that lay beneath.

But when it was suggested that the word "day" as used by Moses meant, not a period of 24 hours, but an era of thousands of years, the difficulty was removed. This meaning of the word "day" is at present generally accepted by devout scientists, who now declare that there is nothing impossible in Moses' account of the creation.

This description, to be sure, is lamentably brief. It was hardly adequate to pass over such a huge event as the creation of a world in a few lines. That was a big story from a newspaper point of view, and all thoughtful persons must acknowledge that Moses did not take advantage of his opportunity.

Accepting the Mosaic account, Dr. T. S. Hunt, a learned writer on the physical history of the globe, supplies what Moses left out, and in so doing he gives a very good reason for the presence of the salt in the sea. Having arrived at the point of Moses' meager narrative where the earth was in a molten state and surrounded by an envelope of gases and of water vapor, Dr. Hunt says:

"The carbonates, chlorides and sulphates (chemical combinations of carbon, chlorine and sulphur with oxygen) were changed into silicates. The carbon, chlorine and sulphur, being thus freed from the oxygen, separated in the form of acid gases. These, with nitrogen, vapor of water and a probable excess of oxygen, formed the atmosphere, which was very dense (and also very unhealthy).

"The surface of the earth was covered with lumps of molten rock (probably resembling furnace slag). The depressed parts of the surface were filled with highly heated solutions of hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, which ate into the surface and decomposed it. In this way the silicates were changed to pure silica, taking the form of quartz as the atmosphere cooled, and the condensation of the vaporous atmosphere produced sea water, holding in solution salts of sodium, calcium, magnesium and ammonium. The atmosphere, thus freed of its noxious elements, became pure and fit for man."

It is therefore evident that the sea has been salty from the creation of the world. The salt does not come, as is generally supposed, from friction of the water against salt "rocks" in the bed of the ocean. This, then, answers the first question. Where did the salt come from? The second question is pretty well answered by Mr. G. W. Littlehales in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly.

"It seems," he says, "that the sea was made salt in the beginning as a part of the grand design of the Creator to provide for the system of evolution which has been going on since the creation. Many distinct species of living organisms exist in the sea as a result of its salinity, and their remains have largely contributed to the growth of continents."

The minute creatures that have lived in the sea for ages past have left enduring monuments in the shape of islands, rocks and continents. If the sea had not been salty, these marine animals could not have existed and secreted the hard substance known as a "calcareous skeleton," which has largely contributed to the growth of continents. Among these early inhabitants of the sea were corals, crinoids, sea urchins and starfishes.

The saltiness of the sea has also much to do with the ocean currents, which distribute the heat of the tropics over the colder regions of the earth. Currents are largely due to the difference between the specific gravity of sea water and the fresh water of rains. Thus, when rain falls on a certain part of the ocean, the effort of the heavier salt water of the ocean to establish an equilibrium causes a current. — New York World.

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GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	45	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	44½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White		@	40
Oats, from store	30	@	33½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	40
Cow Peas	40	@	
HIDES, ℔ ℔			
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Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@	20 00
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Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	32
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	29
" " in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis	2 35	@	2 45
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City mess		@	8 00
Rump		@	7 50
Prime		@	7 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 80	@	2 35
Cypress	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granulated		@	4¾
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SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¾	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5	@	
WHISKEY ℔ gallon—North'n	1 10	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 10	@	2 00
WOOL, ℔ ℔—Washed	12	@	14
Unwashed	9	@	10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, August 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 21¾ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 20¾ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 33½ per bbl for Strained and $1 37½ for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Quiet. Hard 1.20, Yellow Dip 1.55, Virgin 1 65 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25@24½c; rosin, strained, $1 20; good strained $1 25; tar $1 85; crude turpentine $1 20, 1 70, 2 00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	178
Rosin	418
Tar	95
Crude Turpentine	97

Receipts same day last year—160 casks spirits turpentine, 885 bbls rosin, 117 bbls tar, 62 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal and nothing doing. Same day last year, middling 6¾c.

Receipts—0 bales; same day last year, 0.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 45@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 9 to 10c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 7½c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3 50; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, August 4—Evening.—Money on call was firm at 1½@3½ per cent; last loan at 3, closing offered at at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6½ per cent. Sterling exchange very firm; actual business in bankers bills at 488@488¼ for sixty days and 489@489¼ for demand. Commercial bills 487@487¼. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 107½; United States twos 93 bid. State bonds neglected; North Carolina fours 95; North Carolina sixes 115. Railroad bonds were irregular.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was firm.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling gulf 7¾c; middling uplands 7¼c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; August 7 23, September 6 98, October 6 95, November 6 94, December 6 97, January 7 00, February 7 04, March 7 09, April 7 13. Sales 240 100 bales.

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 1,008 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,338 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 950 bales; sales 951 bales; sales to spinners 651 bales; stock (actual) 79,104 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 554 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,745 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent — bales; stock 145,385 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 2,469 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,637 bales; to France 650 bales; to the Continent 3,187 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,160,749 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,338,195 bales; exports to France 463,814 bales; exports to the Continent 1,778,730 bales.

Flour—market unchanged and quiet; Southern flour quiet and steady; common to fair extra $3 00@3 60; good to choice $3 60@3 90. Wheat—spot dull and firmer; No. 2 f. o. b. 68¼c; ungraded red 59@69c options declined ¼@⅝c on the financial trouble West, rallied ⅝@¾c, closing firm at ½c over yesterday, with moderate trading; No. 2 red August 63⅜c; September 64¼; October 65c; December —c. Corn—spot dull and firmer; No. 2 31¼c at elevator and 32½c afloat; options were dull and firm at ¼@½c advance; August 31½c; September 31½c; October 31¾c. Oats—spot dull and firm; options dull, nominally firmer, and neglected; August 23c; September 22⅝c; October —c; spot—No. 2 23@23½c; No. 2 white —c; mixed Western 23½@24¼c. Wool steady and dull; domestic fleece 16@23c; pulled 15@38c. Beef quiet and steady; family $8 00@9 00; extra mess $6 00@7 00; beef hams dull at $14 50@15 00; tierced beef quiet; city extra India mess $11 00@12 00. Cut meats quiet and steady; pickled bellies 4¾c; do. shoulders 3¼@3¾c; do. hams 9@10. Lard steady and dull; Western steam closed at $3 55; city $3 15@3 20; September closed at $3 65; refined firm; Continent $3 95; South America $4 50, compound $3 75@4 00. Pork quiet and firmer; old mess ——; new mess $8 75@9 00. Butter was quiet and steady; State dairy 10@14½c; do. creamery 11¼@15c; Western dairy 9@13c; do creamery 11½@12c; Elgins 15. Cotton seed oil steady and quiet; crude 19@20; yellow prime 23½@23c; do. off grade —c. Rice steady and qui

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The Morning Star.

AN OPAL.

A rose of fire shut in a veil of snow,
An April gleam athwart a misted sky,
A jewel—a soul! Gaze deep if thou wouldst know
The flame wrought spell of its pale witchery.
And now such tremulous beauty lies revealed,
And now the drifted snow doth beauty shield.

So my shy love, aneath her kerchief white,
Holdeth the glamour of the east in fee;
Warm Puritan, who fears her own delight,
Who trembleth over that she yieldeth me.
And now her lips her heart's rich flame have told,
And now they pale that they have been so bold.

—Ednah Proctor Clarke in Century.

OUR FIRST CASE.

We were sitting in our little room looking at each other. A week or two ago we had set up independently. We had come here to make our fortunes, but private nurses did not seem to be in much request in this benighted place. All the doctors knew of us, and had welcomed us cordially. With one consent they had said that we were just what was wanted here.

"Do you think we can afford to stay another week?" asked Kathleen.

"Perhaps, one more," I answered.

"It's a most interesting experience," she said.

"And will end in quite an exciting finale," I added. "The worst of it is the return home amid the jeers of our friends, who are expecting us any day."

Kathleen shuddered.

"We may get a case in the next few days," I said. "Such things occasionally happen."

"Give me another cup of tea, Agnes," cried Kathleen. "It is ruinous to the nerves, but I must have it. If any of my patients drank half as much as I do, I should read them a lecture they would not forget, but"—

Our landlady flung open the door, and Dr. Puckle burst in upon us.

"Ah! I was so afraid I should find you out," he cried. He was Irish.

"We happen to have a holiday," said Kathleen. "At least we have no very urgent case on this morning."

"Allow me to give you a cup of tea," said I.

"Tea? Tea at this time of day!" He shook his head at us. "I should have thought you knew better, nurse. Never drink tea at 11 o'clock. No sugar, thank you."

He settled himself comfortably before the fire, and sipped his tea, while delivering himself of a long and strong dissertation on the evil of this habit. Kathleen and I corroborated every word he said.

"Well, now to business," cried Dr. Puckle. "I came to ask you to undertake a case, a very painful case. It's old Josiah Hartland. Ever heard of him?"

"No," I answered.

"That man would have been dead a year ago if he hadn't happened to—ah—live. This time he'll go. Meanwhile I must get a couple of nurses for him, by hook or by crook. Will you undertake his case?"

"Tell us some more about him, doctor."

"He lives in Hartland's Hollow. I suppose you know that part?"

"No," said Kathleen, and Dr. Puckle looked relieved.

"It's a trifle lonely, but I suppose you don't mind that?"

"Not in the least," said I. "We are neither of us troubled with nerves—in spite of the tea."

"You'll find no one there but the coachman and his wife, an old couple. You'll have to do everything yourselves, I'm afraid. When can you be ready? The case is urgent."

We promised to go that afternoon and when Dr. Puckle left us, Kathleen and I held a little celebration in honor of our first case.

We found ourselves before a low, rambling building at 4 o'clock that afternoon. The walls were thickly covered with ivy and creepers; tall trees surrounded it, which lent an air of mystery to the place. A solemn hush was on it, and the chilly afternoon fog was rising.

"I hope there's a good fire," whispered Kathleen, shivering.

The sound of the bell was muffled and seemed to come from underground regions. We had to ring three times before any one thought of answering our summons. Then the door was opened suspiciously, and an old woman peered at us out of her spectacles.

"Oh, be you the nusses?" she mumbled. "You may come in."

"How kind!" said Kathleen in my ear. "Don't you feel gratified, Agnes, by this gracious permission?"

She waited till our traps were deposited in the hall, then shut and locked the door.

"One never knows what may happen," she murmured, speaking to herself. Her candle cast suspicious shadows round the low, dark hall. We could smell the dust of ages as we followed the housekeeper up stairs. She told us in passing the different rooms and informed us that some of them were haunted, but she didn't rightly know which.

"What a delightful house!" said Kathleen aloud, and her voice echoed far away and disturbed the brooding silence. I wanted to hush her, for I kept feeling as if I were at church. "So cheerful!" rang out her voice.

"That's your room," said our guide, stopping at the top of the stairs to breathe, "and that's the master's." With that she turned and went into the dark regions we had left behind, and we found ourselves standing in a passage lighted by a single small lamp, with our bags in our hands and our hearts beating rather rapidly.

"I thought there must be something queer about it," said Kathleen. "Dr. Puckie was so very reserved."

"It is charming," I affirmed. "Now, shall we introduce ourselves to our patient or to our room?"

"Our room first," said Kathleen. "Let us keep the best treat till the end."

It was not an ideal room which had been prepared for us, nor overclean; but, as Kathleen said, we were both able to scrub a floor after our hospital training. She threw open the window, lighted both the candles on the dressing table and then declared that it was fit for the queen.

"But horribly cold," I supplemented.

"Well, my dear, wait till it's aired before you shut the window. When that old hag's lighted our fire, it won't be half bad."

"It strikes me," said I, "that we may as well light it ourselves if we want one at all."

"There seems a superabundance of insects and crawling things," said Kathleen, examining the corners of the room. "I'm rather fond of spiders. Are you?"

"On the whole," I answered, "I prefer my bedroom free of them."

"That is a pity," said Kathleen.

"Let us now go and make the acquaintance of our patient," I suggested.

Our gentle knock was not answered, so we went in unbidden.

Josiah Hartland was lying in bed breathing heavily. He was an old man. His skin was as yellow as a London fog, his eyes were so sunken under shaggy brows that at first sight he seemed to have none. The room was comfortless in the extreme. The fire was nearly out, and an untrimmed lamp smoked upon the table by his bed. He turned and stared at us.

"Two of you!" voice, startling us. "Two! I don't want two. One's quite enough. I'm not going to pay two to do the work for one."

"But one of us has to sit up with you at night," said I in a cheerful, soothing tone.

"What do you want with sleep?" he growled. "A great, strapping girl like you ought to be able to do without it. Has James come in?"

"Who is James?"

"James, he's my coachman, of course. Who else did you think he was? Ring the bell, can't you? I tell you I want James to come up. He's been collecting my rents. I want to see him about them."

"It's rather late in the day to be doing business," said Kathleen.

He turned and stared at her.

"Who's that?" he asked, pointing at her with a bony finger.

"She is your nurse," said I.

"Send her away, then. One's quite enough. I'm not going to pay two nurses, I tell you. I engaged you, but I never engaged her. Send her away!"

"Just now," I answered, "I am going away, and your second nurse will stay with you. I shall sit up with you to-night, so I am going to rest now."

Kathleen followed me to the door, looking slightly scared.

"I wish you joy, dear," said I. "We have a delightful case for our first!"

When I awoke from my nap, I found Kathleen by the fire in our room and a nice little meal waiting for me.

"Don't thank Mrs. Jones for that," said she, "or expect to find such things growing in this house. If you are hungry, you must go and forage about in the larder for something to eat. If you haven't got the genius which distinguishes everything I do, probably you won't find anything. At all events, partake freely now, for you have a long night before you."

She was very tired, and I left her to sleep as best she could in our spider haunted room.

I was simply astonished at the change Kathleen had wrought in the sickroom. The only thing which seemed the same was our patient, and he looked cleaner. Kathleen afterward told me that she had never found it so difficult to persuade any one to let her wash him.

"Has she gone?" asked Josiah.

"Yes; she's gone to bed," said I.

"Gone to bed! Whose bed? I won't have her sleeping in one of my beds."

"Yes, it's all right," I said, "and now you must let me settle for the night."

"You aren't going to wash me!" he cried. "The other one has just done it."

"No, no, it's all right. I won't wash you again tonight."

When he had taken his medicine and was settled comfortably, I sat by the fire in the darkened room, and strange thoughts came to me. How was it that my life had drifted into this? Five years ago I was a thoughtless girl, with scarcely a care beyond dress and pleasure and friendship. My friends thought it eccentric to "waste" my youth like this. They were amused, and could not see through my desire to do something useful in the world. However it was, here I found myself, a girl who had been shielded from all the roughness and trouble of life, in the very presence of suffering and death, playing an important part in the tragedy which I felt sure would end soon, for I knew the look of death so well that sometimes I saw it with scarcely a shudder. Our patient did not seem conscious of his condition. He lay there in his large and lonely house without one friend or relative beside him. It was a sad case for our first.

It grew more and more silent. An ash fell out of the grate, and it sounded as if a thunderbolt had burst. I jumped in my chair and felt a thrill all down my back. Then I began to think of the lonely situation of the house and the distance between the two old caretakers and me if anything should happen. After awhile the silence teemed with countless noises. I heard a long swish, a queer wailing—more like a human cry than the wind—a pitter patter, a buzzing, a faint tapping, a sigh. And there was a long creeping thud every now and then.

I am not superstitious. I firmly believe that superstition is the result of ignorance, and that educated people ought to despise it. But I began to feel as if perhaps there was more than I had thought in some of those superstitions. Surely they could not have lived through centuries if there had been no truth in them!

"Go and fetch me my rent book."

I nearly screamed. His voice had come so suddenly upon my thoughts.

"D'ye hear?" cried the thin, high voice.

I tried to persuade him to lie down and go to sleep, but he grew so excited that to quiet him I was obliged to yield.

"Where is it?" I asked.

It was down stairs in one of those horrible deserted rooms.

"Wouldn't you rather wait till the morning?" I asked.

"No, fetch it now, now! Besides, then you can look round and see that there are no burglars about. They know I'm ill, and that I've got a great sum of money here. I'm only waiting till I get better to take it myself to the bank."

His voice grew wilder and wilder. He urged me on, and I went, for nothing else could quiet him. I took a lighted candle with me, and as I found my way down the creaking stairs my heart thumped against my side.

I am sure I heard a low growl at the foot of the stairs. As the flickering light of my candle moved onward in the darkness it seemed to disperse countless shadows that had dim shapes. I thought I saw the outlines of a grinning head. Mrs. Jones had said some of these rooms were haunted—supposing this one was! Something scuttled away. I set my candle down, afraid I should drop it, my hand was trembling so. Something fell with a thud on the table, and that was too much for me. Snatching up my candle, I turned and fled. The candle went out, but the feeble flicker of the lamp up stairs guided me, and I stumbled on, not daring to take a breath till I found myself once more in the sickroom. I have since found out that the library was swarming with cockroaches and mice.

Old Josiah had fortunately fallen into a doze, so I settled myself in my chair again, having gently made up the fire. Would this awful night never pass? It was now 2 o'clock, and it seemed like the beginning of eternity.

Tick, tick, tick! What was that?

Tick, tick, tick!

I knew—it was the death spider. I had heard of the horrid thing before, and had not believed in its existence. But I had never before spent a night with a dying man in a haunted house. I stole softly to the bedside, but he was sleeping nicely. He had several days to live still.

"Well, how did you get on? What sort of a night had you?"

Kathleen was like a breeze. Her voice swept off the vapors of the night.

"Beautifully," said I. "I have had a delightful night."

"When shall I get better?" asked our patient. "What's the good of paying a couple of nurses and a doctor if they can't cure me quicker than this? Why can't you speak, doctor? Answer me."

"Hartland, it is time to prepare yourself for another world. You cannot get better."

"I must—I must. I've a great sum of money in the house that ought to be banked. And James hasn't got in all the rents. He's a fool at it. Send him up to me at once."

Dr. Puckle told us that this perpetual worrying about his business was hastening the end. He said it could not be far distant now, and Kathleen and I determined to try to get the poor man to think of other things more appropriate at this solemn time.

"You cannot take your money with you," I said, "so why worry about it now? You are dying, Mr. Hartland. Surely you can leave your money matters alone. What importance can they possibly be just now?"

"Much you know about business," sneered the old man. "Business is business, whether a man is dying or not." Then he burst out crying like a child. "All my life," he wailed, "all my life I've spent in getting it, and now I've got to leave it. It isn't fair. Send James up to me at once. I want to know whether he's made that villain Richards pay up. Why, the fellow owes two quarters. It's infamous."

I looked at Kathleen in despair.

It was always like that. Sometimes he cried and sobbed, sometimes he railed against the justice of life. His one and only idea was still his money, that money which he had made himself, and which he loved with a concentrated passion. He looked at the cold, useless thing, and never missed the warm, human faces that ought to have been round him now. He had no relations, no friends. His money had come between him and all the softer joys of life, and in dying he cared for nothing except that he had to part with it.

Kathleen started at the little heap of salt she had spilt.

"What's the matter, Kathleen?"

"Oh, nothing," she answered, starting. "Of course I don't believe in any such nonsense, but I saw a crow this morning—now I've spilt some salt."

"Throw a pinch over your left shoulder," I suggested, laughing at her.

"Goose," she retorted, "do you think I'm so silly?"

I stooped to pick up my serviette, and she made a rapid movement as though throwing something over her shoulder.

"Kathleen!" I cried sharply. "Put your knife and fork straight."

"Why? What's wrong with them?"

She looked at them, then suddenly snatched up the fork and laid it down beside the knife.

"I do not believe you were frightened because they were crossed," she said.

"Did you hear the screech owl last night?" I asked.

"No, but I heard a dog howling, and when I got up to see the time I saw a shooting star."

"Superstition is such nonsense," said I.

"Yes, isn't it?"

I was sitting by him, and in the darkened room I saw his bony hands groping about aimlessly or picking at his sheet. When I had washed him, he had fretfully declared that we nurses did nothing in the world but wash him, and "the other one" had done it that very morning. I tried to persuade him that the morning had nothing to do with the evening, but he didn't see it. He was now muttering to himself or lapsing into unconsciousness. He did not know me. His mind seemed to be wandering into the money getting past, for I could hear snatches of calculations and something about the Stock Exchange which I did not understand.

Then all was silence, but for the beating of my heart.

There came a tapping at my window. I sat up straight, clutching the arms of the chair. Death himself might have been knocking for admittance! I knew, I was sure, that it was but a bird, but I had heard that when a sparrow taps at the window it means death. A few minutes after there sounded a loud crash down stairs, and I sprang up and rushed into our room, having just presence of mind left to see that our patient had not been disturbed. Kathleen was sitting up in bed.

"Did you hear that noise?" I gasped.

"Ye-es," said she, through chattering teeth. "Do you think there's a burglar here?"

"Well, perhaps you'd better go and see," said I. "I would, but I cannot leave Mr. Hartland."

"Oh," said Kathleen, "I would, but I'm not dressed. What's the matter, Agnes?"

I took her shoes, which she had left on the table by accident, and threw them down. She started.

"I—I tumbled up stairs yesterday, Agnes," she said, seizing my arm.

There was another crash. I had knocked over a hand glass!

Next morning a large picture of Josiah Hartland was found on its face in the dining room. Mrs. Jones said it had fallen several times before, for the cord was rotten and kept breaking, but Mr. Hartland wouldn't buy a new one. We said it had better not be hung again, as we did not like going to see what was the matter in the middle of the night. She seemed surprised and evidently wondered what we were here for.

I told Kathleen that she looked pale, and she said I looked ghastly. I asked her whether she thought we could endure another night of it, and she said she could not, but if I liked I might stay, and she would give me all the profits.

There was no need for us to stay.

Mr. Hartland insisted on looking at his rentbook to see whether James had collected all the rents. I brought it to him, and he groped about with his hands to feel it.

"I can't quite see," he moaned. "My eyes—they aren't so good as they used to be. Read it to me, you nurse. What are you here for, wasting my money, if you can't read it to me?"

"Let me read something else," I entreated, feeling tears rising in my eyes.

"Kathleen, bring me a Bible."

"Business is business," gasped the dying man. "Read the last page to me. I want to know—whether—that villain—what was I saying?"

Kathleen came nearer. We looked at each other.

"What do you know about—business?"

He glared at us and struggled with his breath. His hands wandered over the quilt. They touched the rentbook. A grin crept over the wrinkled face and fixed there. His eyes rolled and shut.

"Agnes, now we can go home," whispered Kathleen, creeping to my side.—All the Year Round.

The Preservation of Foods.

The great advance in the preservation of foods is perhaps most clearly shown in a recent article in a French magazine. The article discusses the preserving of provisions from the military standpoint. It states that 40,000 rations of vegetables can be stored in a cubic space of 40 inches each way; that millions of rations of solid soups and preserved meats are continually stored in Paris, while the quantity of flour and biscuit is fabulous. Milk during the last siege of Paris was worth its weight in gold. Now the method of "pasteurizing" milk and putting it in hermetically sealed cans is found to preserve milk indefinitely and insures against suffering those classes of the community that suffer most from scarcity of milk—the feeble, aged and infants.

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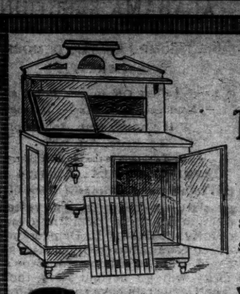

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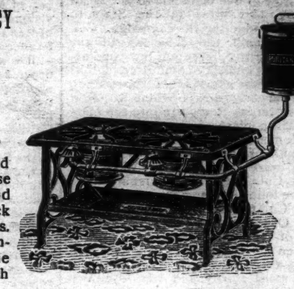

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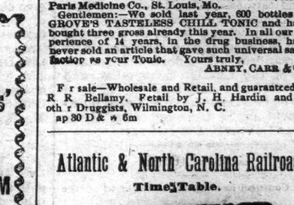

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GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.
3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.			4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.
Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 12	Kinston.....	10 32	.....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 17
P. M	P. M.		A. M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3 00 p m, and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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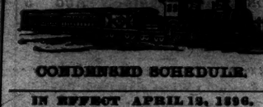

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*5	*9		*7	25
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 00	3 55	Lv " Ar	10 40	10 30
11 50	4 30	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 05	9 18
12 20	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 35	8 20
1 30	5 34	Ar...Newbern ...Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M.	

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT June 20, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.53 a m, Warsaw 11.46 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.52 p m, Rocky Mount 1.35 p m, Tarboro 2.40 p m, Weldon 3.32 p m, Petersburg 5.20 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m. Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 8.30 p m.

DAILY 7.00 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 3.30 p m, Warsaw 3.43 p m, Goldsboro 9.36 p m, Wilson 10.23 p m, †Tarboro 7.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 p m, Weldon 1.01 a m, †Norfolk 10.40 a m, Petersburg 3.33 a m, Richmond 3.40 a m, Washington 7.00 a m, Baltimore 8.33 a m, Philadelphia 10.46 a m, New York 1.23 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 1.30 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.45 p m, Chadbourn 5.19 p m, Marion 5.39 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 8.53 p m, Columbia 10.15 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 9.10 a m, Tampa 6.00 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.55 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.55 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.55 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.10 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.45 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.05 a m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.30 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 5.58 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.05 a m, Warsaw 7.57 a m, Magnolia 8.10 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 a m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.00 a m, Sanford 1.55 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 4.55 a m, Columbia 5.45 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.17 p m, Sumter 7.10 a m, Florence 8.50 a m, Marion 9.31 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.16 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p m, Hall at 4.13 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 p m, Greenville 6.47 p m, Kinston 7.45 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.30 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.30 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.51 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.5 a m and 6.20 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.10 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.35 p m, Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.40 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.45 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.00 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 7.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 7.50 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 9.15 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.20 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 8.30 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 11 30 a m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.05 a m, arrive Latta 9.34 a m, Dillon 9.56 a m, Rowland 9.52 a m, returning leaves Rowland 6.06 p m, arrives Dillon 6.25 p m, Latta 6.37 p m, Pee Dee 6.58 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 12.25 p m, leave Conway 2 30 p m, Chadbourn 5.25 p m, arrive Hub 6.36 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 40 a m and 9 .0 a m, arrive Darlington 9 20 and 9 50 a m, leave Darlington 9 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 11 50 a m. Wadesboro 1 30 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 2 p m, Cheraw 3 40 p m, Darlington 7.43 a m and 6 05 p m, arrive Florence 8.15 a m and 6 50 p m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floys 7 30 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floys 9 50 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 30 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6 30 p m Darlington 8 15 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.40 p m, Gibson 9 35 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 06 p m, Manning 6.35 p m, arrive Lane's 7 12 p m, leave Lanes 8.34 a m, Manning 9.10 a m, arrive Sumter 9.39 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.35 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.10 p m, 11.15 p m, arrive Selma 3.55 p m, Smithfield 5.03 p m, Dunn 5.50 p m, Fayetteville 4.35 p m. 1.07 a m. Rowland 6.05 p m, returning leave Rowland 3 55 a m. Fayetteville 11.10 a m, 9.40 p m, Dunn 11.49 a m, Smithfield 12.27 p m, Selma 12.54 p m, arrive Wilson 1.30 p m, 11.35 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 23 a m, Creston 5 2.a m, arrive Denmark 8 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 17 p m, Creston 5 16 p m, Sumter 6 05 p m. Daily.

Pregnall's Branch train leaves Creston 8 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 p m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.15 p m, arrive Lecknow 1 p m and 8.15 p m. Returning leave Lecknow 6 05 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive El

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 5

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Pork Products Market Excited and Higher—September Wheat Advanced But Closed Lower—Corn Higher—Oats Unchanged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, August 4.—Before the wheat market opened to day much anxiety was manifested as to the effect to be produced by the sensational failure of the Moore Bros., of the Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Co. fame, and prices on the curb dropped a full cent from last night's closing. That confidence was shaken was shown by the fact that buying orders were more numerous than selling at the start and the recovery which took place during the regular session was slow but sure. Board of Trade people were "short" of the securities mentioned and they would be benefitted by any break which might occur on them. Trade in grains did not develop any unusual features, interest for the time being having been transferred to the provision pit, which was in an excited and confused condition, September wheat opened at 57¼@58c; advanced to 58¾c, closing at 58¼@58¾c—a shade under yesterday. Cash wheat was lower early, but eventually recovered the loss, closing firm.

Corn—The opening on corn was weak and lower. There was nothing panicky about the trade, however, and things soon become confident, a full recovery taking place. September corn opened from 24½@24¾c, advanced to 25¾c, closing at 25½@25¼c—¼c higher than yesterday. Cash corn was steady.

Oats displayed a sentiment similar to that prevailing in the other markets. September oats closed unchanged from yesterday. Cash oats were firm for old, but new were weak and almost unsalable.

Provisions—The story of an anticipated squeeze in September pork by Montreal people and their purchases for the account of Armour, advanced prices for that commodity quite sharply. The strength was continuous and the session was punctuated by flurry and scrambles to buy. The market was an excited one from start to finish, efforts to discredit the report being unavailing. September pork at the close was 90c higher than yesterday, September lard 5@7c higher, and September ribs 10¼c.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, August 4.—The *Sun* says: Cotton opened one to six points lower, declined two to four, recovered the loss and closed steady at a net advance of four to eleven points, with sales of 240,100 bales.

To-day's features: Reports of rain in Texas caused a weakening in cotton today. The failure of Moore Bros., of Chicago, also had a depressing effect for a time. But the Weather Bureau reported only light scattered rains in Texas, the total in that State for 24 hours being only 1.73 inches. The Weather Bureau issued a special bulletin stating that the weather in the Southwest for twelve days has been intensely hot. At Little Rock the maximum temperature for seven days was 100 degrees, for four days 102 degrees and for one day 104 degrees. New Orleans sent fresh batches of damage reports, accompanied with buying orders. Local shorts covered and commission houses did a fair amount of buying. Two large operators, recently indentified with the bear side joined the bullish ranks to-day. Accordingly the loss was recovered and an advance ensued. The course of the market in the immediate future will be governed largely by the tenor of the weekly crop and weather reports.

FLORIDA DEMOCRATS

A Threatened Split in the Party Averted by the State Executive Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, August 4.—The threatened bolt of the silver Democrats of Florida has probably been averted by the action of the State Executive Committee in removing J. P. Welborne and J. P. Fisher, two gold electors, and replacing them by F. B. Carter and R. A. Burford, who are pronounced silver men, thus dividing the electors evenly between gold and silver. As originally chosen, two electors were for gold and two for silver. The State Executive Committee, however, got rid of the two silver electors and replaced them by gold men. This maddened the silver Democrats and they ordered a call for a State convention to consider the advisability of naming four silver electors, alleging that the gold electors did not intend to vote for Bryan. This action of the silver Democrats alarmed the Executive Committee and to-day two of the gold electors were removed and replaced by silver men. This will probably satisfy the silver Democrats and prevent a split.

THE TRUCK MARKET.

New York Prices for Southern Fruits and Vegetables.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Huckleberries, Maryland and Delaware, quart 4 to 6c; pears, Southern, fancy, barrel, $1.50 to $3 50; watermelons, car-loads, $100 to 350; muskmelons, basket, $1 00 to 1.75; do barrel, 50c to $2 25; peaches, Maryland and Delaware, crate, $1.00 to 1.75; do basket, 30 to 65c; onions, Eastern Shore, basket, 50 to 65c; do barrel, $1.12 to 1.25; potatoes, 40 to 75c; do sweet, $1.00 to 1.50.

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NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Spirits turpentine quiet and easy at 24@24½c. Rosin dull but steady; strained common to good $1 60.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 20½@21½; sales 100 casks Rosin firm; sales — barrels; B, C, $1 35, D, E $1 80, F $1 85, G $1 40, H $1 45, I $1 50, K $1 55, M $1 60, N $1 65, W G $1 70, W W $1 80.

SAVANNAH, Aug. 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 23c for regulars, with sales of 686 casks; closed firm at 23½c, with sales of 500 casks; receipts of 2,100 casks. Rosin firm at the decline; sales 5,500 barrels; receipts 5,178 barrels; A, B, C, D $1 37½, E $1 40, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 52½, I $1 57½, K $1 62½, M $1 67½, N $1 75, W G $1 95; W W $2 00.

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A CHICAGO FAILURE.

COLLAPSE OF A FIRM OF STOCK SPECULATORS.

Moore Brothers Losers to the Tune of Seven or Eight Million Dollars—Stock Exchange Closed to Avoid a Panic—The Effect in New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, August 4.—The speculative deal in Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stocks has come to an end. The Moore Brothers have failed. The greatest speculation ever known in Chicago have culminated in the failure of the people who were behind the deal.

The Chicago Stock Exchange was adjourned at 10 o'clock this morning for an indefinite period. This action was decided upon at a meeting held last night, at which were the six bank presidents, the members of the Stock Exchange Committee, and a number of prominent capitalists. It was the general opinion that it would be the wisest possible move to close the Stock Exchange for a period. It is thought that the adjournment will last but a few days and that matters within that time can be straightened out in a way that will make losses easier to bear. Not at the present time is it possible to make any estimate of how large the figure is or what its ramifications will be. The Moores have unquestionably purchased an enormous line of both New York Biscuit and Diamond Match stock. The high price at which Diamond Match has been selling makes the sum involved in handling it extremely large.

William H. Mcore, the senior member of the firm, is at present in the East. James H. Moore, who has been the immediate active manager of the speculative campaign, is in Chicago; but last night declared that he was not yet in a position to make any statement as to the amount involved. William H. Moore is the first vice president of the Diamond Match Company and the New York Buiscuit Company. James H. Moore is the second vice President of both.

At the usual hour of opening the Stock Exchange was filled with members, but no business was being transacted. Groups were gathered, discussing the turn of affairs and every one seemed waiting for some announcement more defiaite than a notice posted on the doors, which reads: "Exchange adjourned subject to the action of the governing committee.

J. A. WILKINS, Secretary."

A gentleman close to speculators explains the failure in this way:

"James H. Moore and William H. Moore, owned, all told, $5,500,000 worth of Diamond Match stock. A portion of this was owned in fee before the speculative era in the Stock Exchange began. Much, however, was bought at prices ranging between 150 a 240. The Moore holdings were a majority of the total stock issued. It so happened, however, that the balance of the stock was held by a great many stockholders. Soon after the stock began its wonderful aerial flight, these minority stockholders began unloading and in case the persons who bought were James Moore and his brother.

Most of these purchases were not cash purchases, but on account, some of them running thirty to sixty days. Margins of five per cent. were given and in this way at least $3,000 000 worth of the stock was bought. Two banks in Connecticut, one in Bridgeport and the other in Hartford, were the holders of the stock, as trustees. Not less than 60 per cent. on a par value of the stock was paid. All this the Moores paid without flinching, but in the long run the stock became, notwithstanding its extraordinary intrinsic value, a frightfully heavy load to carry. At last the two brokers were substantially the only props to the big enterprise. The result was inevitable and the crash followed.

And thus it happens that to-day, while the Moores, the financial Genii of this colossal enterprise are losers to the tune of $7,000,000 or $8,000,000, the numerous minority stockholders are the winners; for they have been the beneficiaries of the margin paid, and their stock is still their's, although held in trust. It is stated that banks have decided to accept the stock of the Diamond Match Company, owned by Moore Bros., at 170.

Probably the heaviest losers in the collapse next to the Moore Bros. themselves are the brokers who had been doing business for them on the Exchange. Very few indeed are the brokers who did not do business in that line.

Speaking of the collapse, John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, said: "The banks will not lose, for they had anticipated just such a crash as happened yesterday. A panic in the stock was bound to result. For some time Chicago banks decided not to loan any more money on Diamond Match stock than they already had loaned—say 160. This collapse will clear the atmosphere and I do not anticipate any serious results outside the parties directly concerned."

A committee of five members of the governing committee of the Stock Exchange was appointed to consult with the Moore brothers and report to the full committee at 3 o'clock. The conference was brief and at its conclusion all concerned in it looked pleased, but none would talk excepting Mr. J. H. Moore, whose outgivings went no further than this: "There will be nothing given out to-day; but you can say in a general way that the stock will be taken care of, and everything will be running in a few days as if nothing had happened. The stock is as good as gold and nobody is going to be very badly hurt."

NEW YORK, August 4.—In the first fifteen minutes of business at the Stock Exchange the market was active and excited. Prices dropped anywhere from 1 to 3½ per cent. under heavy offerings for both accounts. The demoralization was due to the announcement of the failure of Moore Bros., of Chicago. The firm has been intimately connected with the Diamond Match Company and the New York Biscuit Company, and their suspension was a great surprise. The report that the liabilities of the concern were twenty millions of dollars was not generally credited. New York has had very little interest in the shares of the Diamond Match Company, which it is understood brought about the embarrassment of the Moores, and after the break at the opening in Western railroad and industrial issues local operators were inclined to take a calmer view of the situation. The failure will undoubtedly have influence on the market later on, and to this extent it was reflected in stocks. To-day call loans were worth 1@3½ per cent. at one time, but near the close borrowers were accommodated at 1½@2 per cent. In time loans, bankers have raised their rates to 6½ per cent. and the commercial paper market is decidedly stiffer.

In the break at the opening the graingers, the industrials and others which are traded in by Western operators suffered the heaviest losses. Later on, it was reported from Chicago that a movement was on foot to protect Diamond Match stock and this checked the selling movement at the local board. Near the close the early sellers endeavored to cover, and the prominent issues rallied ½@3¾ per cent. Speculation closed firmer in tone. Net changes, however, show declines of ¾@2½ per cent. Total sales were, only 185,119 shares; bonds were lower; sales were $488,000.

NEW YORK, August 4.—A New York banker says that the Moore Brothers' failure will not be felt in this city. It will undoubtedly tie up a number of loans in New England. Bankers throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts have been the largest lenders on Diamond Match. Practically no loans were secured in New York, as Diamond Match is a trust stock and the paper is not personally endorsed.

CHICAGO, August 4.—The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange had a second meeting this afternoon but accomplished nothing. They adjourned until to morrow at noon to await the statement promised by J. H. Moore, of the firm of Moore Bros., and the dealings in Diamond Match. Offers were made around town during the afternoon for batches of Diamond Match stock all the way from 165 to 175. P. D. Armour, who is supposed to be one of the heaviest holders of Diamond Match stock, took a hopeful view of the situation when seen to-day. He did not think that the failure of Moore Bros. would affect any other securities than the Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Company and over these he does not expect any panic. Mr. Armour said: "All the banks have agreed to make no calls on the stock until arrangements can be made and the individuals who hold the stock are all rich men and able to carry it, and so I see no cause for apprehension."

It is believed that an effort will be made to syndicate the Diamond Match stock now out at 170. If such action is taken the danger of possible failures resulting from the collapse of the Moore Bros. would be very much lessened.

Chicago banks and bankers, who hold approximately $4 000,000 worth of Diamond Match stock, as collateral on money loaned, will not press the borrowers for a settlement.

At the big stockbroker's offices there was a general feeling of uneasiness. The big failure has stunned and surprised everybody. Among the brokers there was only approval of the course of the Exchange officials in closing the institution temporarily.

REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE

In Regard to the Situation in Virginia—The Campaign Will be Carried on by Col. Lamb and His State Committee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, August 4.—There was a conference held this afternoon at Republican headquarters in regard to the situation in Virginia. The National Committee a few days ago appointed a committee of five members to act as an advisory committee in the State to assist in conducting the campaign. Col. William Lamb, the chairman of the State committee, resented the appointment of the advisory committee, thinking that it was a means of superseding him. He accordingly came to New York yesterday to inquire into the matter. The conference about the Virginia situation began about 3 30 in the afternoon and lasted until nearly 6 o'clock. There were present John Wise, Col. Lamb, Col. Brady of Petersburg, Va., and the following members of the Executive Committee: Chairman Hanna, Gen. Osborne, Gen. Clayton and Mr. Scott of West Virginia.

When the conference was over Mr. Hanna announced that everything had ended satisfactorily, and that the Virginia delegation had gone home to organize the committee to carry on the campaign in the State. It was subsequently learned that it had been decided that Col. Lamb should appoint three other members on the Advisory Committee as soon as he arrives in Virginia. These names will then be wired to National headquarters in this city to be passed upon. The campaign in Virginia will accordingly be carried on by Col. Lamb, and his State committee, assisted by the Advisory committee of eight. The present members of the Advisory committee are: Col. Lamb, Hon. E. Waddill, Hon. Geo. E. Bowden, Col. Bradley, and Congressman James Walker.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

State Convention Will Meet To-Day—Free Silver Men Will Carry the Day.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JEFFERSON CITY, August 4.—The advance guard of the Democratic State Convention which meets here to-morrow is already on the ground, and headquarters of the different candidates have been opened. There is a noticeable absence of the old campaigners and leaders of the State Democratic hosts for the past two decades. The programme of the 16 to 1 men will go through without a hitch. The principal contest is for the Gubernatorial nomination and the four prominent candidates are State Treasurer Lon V. Stevens and James B. Gibson, of Kansas City, David A. Ball, of Louisiana, and James R. Waddill, of St. Louis. The chances are greatly in favor of Stevens' nomination. Nearly a dozen men are candidates for Lieutenant Governor, but the indications are that Lieutenant Governor O Meara will succeed himself.

Ex-Congressman R. P. C. Wilson, of Platte, is slated for permanent chairman. The platform will indorse the declarations of the Chicago Convention, and will include in substance the address made by two Democratic bodies at meetings held in St. Louis after the Pertle Springs Convention of last year.

CUBA LIBRE.

Large Contributions in Money in Aid of the Insurgents.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, August 4—An evening paper says: The Cuban Junta in the United States this week raised a fund amounting to $375,000. Part of the money has been changed into gold, and is now on shipboard bound for Cuba, where it will be placed in the hands of the officers commanding the insurgent army. The balance has been retained by the members of the Junta in this city and New York, who will use it in a way that will best serve the Cuban cause.

The contributions were as follows: Jacksonville and other sections of Florida, $100,000; New York and Brooklyn, $50,000; Philadelphia, $35 000; Baltimore, $10,000; Washington, $10,000; Richmond, Va., $5,000; Savannah, Ga., $5,000; New Orleans, $10 000; through Chicago and the West, $100,000 and from a number of Southern points, $60,000.

BANK OFFICERS INDICTED

For Receiving Deposits When They Knew the Bank Was Insolvent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT, PA., August 4.—The grand jury to-day found true bills of indictment against Thos. H. Milligan, the president, J. H. Irving, the cashier, and Henry B. Rhechtel, Dr. Henry O Ois, Silas Wright and Chas. Troutman, directors of the defunct Newport Deposit Bank, charged with embezzlement in having received deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent. By agreement of counsel the defendants will not be brought to trial until the November term of Court. They are at present under bail.

About two hundred Democrats of Iowa met yesterday at Desmoines and formerly registered their protest against the platform and candidates of the Chicago Convention.

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ALABAMA ELECTION.

SURE TRIUMPH OF THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

A Large Falling Off in the Populist Vote—Democratic Gains—Democrats Will Control Both Houses of the State Assembly.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., August 4.—Official returns and estimates from fifty out of sixty-six counties on yesterday's election indicate a Democratic majority of forty thousand. If Democratic gains which have occurred in counties already heard from continue, Johnston's majority will go beyond forty thousand. The Democrats have sustained losses in three counties, while they have gained heavily in many. So far as heard the Democrats had lost one county, but have gained eight, and probably thirteen which went for Kolb (Populist) two years ago. It is estimated that the Democrats have gained not less than twelve members of the Legislature and have over two-thirds of the members in both Houses. The Populists sustained the heaviest losses in the white counties, while the losses which occurred to Democrats were in the black counties. Captain Johnston said this morning that his majority would not be under forty thousand.

Later news is still favorable to a Democratic ticket. The "wire grass" region of southeast Alabama, a white section, is reported to have gone pretty largely for the Populist ticket. The count is slow because of the official ballot and most of the polling places being remote from telegraph offices. There is no reason to believe, however, that the Democracy has not won by fully 25,000 majority.

A conference of sound money Democrats from various parts of the State was held here to-day to select delegates to the Indianapolis Convention on the 7th and to take steps for organization in the State of the anti-Bryan Democrats. The conference was hastily called only a few days ago. Nevertheless, several scores of delegates were present, among them leading Democrats from a number of counties in the State, and a great deal of enthusiasm and earnestness was displayed. S. V. Dent, of Barbour, was made chairman of the conference and afterwards chairman of the Provisional State Committee. Captain J. M. Falkner, of Montgomery, was named as provisional member of the National Committee to attend the Indianapolis conference on the 7th inst. A committee of five was made to take steps to perfect organization throughout the State by naming a State committee. Resolutions of endorsement of President Cleveland's administration and of Secretary Carlisle especially were passed by a rising vote. A recommendation was made to the State Committee to bring about as soon as possible conventions for the nomination of sound money Democratic Congressional candidates in every district. The committee was also instructed to issue an address to the Democrats of the State setting forth the purposes of this movement.

The afternoon session opened with a report of the Committee on Credentials. It was in part as follows: "Your committee would move to amend the report by striking therefrom the names of Dan Lawler, Frank W. McCuntheon and Judge McCafferty."

J. T. Bowditch, of Wabasha, said he advised this step because the men in question were known to be gold delegates. The convention heard this with shouts of applause and the report was adopted. When the vote was announced the greatest confusion ensued. Mr. Lawler tried to make himself heard, but his efforts were in vain. The expelled men then walked out of the hall, followed by one whole delegation and several members of the Ramsey county delegation, of which they were members. The platform as adopted declared in favor of the Chicago platform and the nominees of the Chicago Convention and demands an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of President and Vice President and United States Senators by the direct vote of the people.

The name of John Lind was the only one put before the convention for candidate for Governor and he received the nomination by acclamation. For Secretary of State J. J. Hinrich, of Minneapolis, was also nominated by acclamation. Alex McKinnon, of Crookston, was nominated for State Treasurer on the first ballot.

Minnesota is entitled to nine electors. To-day's convention selected four Democrats and one silver Republican, leaving the remaining four to be selected by the Populists. The Populists will also name the Attorney General and the Lieutenant Governor.

MONTGOMERY, August 4—Specials to the *Advertiser* from many places give complete returns in a large number of counties. Most of them showed marked gains over the Democratic vote two years ago, and make the triumph of the Democratic State ticket easy and sure. For instance, in the following counties: Bibb, Butler, Chesapeake, Chilton, Cleborne, Elmore, Fayette, Marshall and Tallapoosa, the Populist majorities in 1894 aggregated 5,793. Now they aggregate only 3,450, a falling-off of over 40 per cent., and a net Democratic gain in ten counties of 2 343 votes. In other counties the Populist majorities have been wiped out and Democratic majorities appear. As in DeKalb, Limestone, Randolph and Winston; in these four, the Democratic gains foot up 1,987 votes.

In a few counties the Populists have made gains, but they are small and do not make more than a few hundred. It is fair to expect this average net gain to prevail through the other white counties, and, if so, the Democratic ticket will come to the black belt with a fair majority and remove every possibility of the claim of fraud. In a number of these counties the Populists control the election machinery, and there can be no dispute about the returns by them. There is no doubt of the Democracy's triumph by a majority of at least 25 000; it may go higher. There have also been more gains on the executive tickets than losses, and there is every reason to believe that the full Democratic majority in the last Assembly will be maintained.

BASE BALL.

Result of Games Played Yesterday at Various Places.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

New York—New York, 6; Washington, 0.

Chicago—Chicago, 4; Cleveland, 6.

Louisville—Louisville, 5; Pittsburg, 4.

Portsmouth—Portsmouth, 18; Norfolk, 0. Second game—Portsmouth, 5; Norfolk, 9.

Montgomery—Montgomery, 2; Mobile, 2.

Petersburg — Petersburg, 2; Roanoke, 0.

Lynchburg—Richmond, 10; Lynchburg, 2.

Columbus—Columbus, 8; New Orleans, 5.

	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Baltimore	57	27	.679
Cincinnati	61	30	.678
Cleveland	57	31	.648
Chicago	53	40	.570
Pittsburg	48	39	.552
Boston	46	39	.541
Philadelphia	39	47	.453
Brooklyn	39	47	.453
New York	36	50	.419
Washington	34	49	.410
St. Louis	27	58	.318
Louisville	22	64	.256

The bankers of Chicago finished their gold deposits yesterday, having turned over to the Government $2 435,000 of the yellow money.

GOLD-BUG DEMOCRATS.

A Large Attendance Expected at the Indianapolis Conference.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 4.—The "sound money" Democratic Executive Committee finds that there is going to be a much larger attendance at the national meeting next Friday than was anticipated. Rooms are being engaged at the hotels for parties ranging from five to fifty from various States of the Union, and it looks as though the committee meeting would develop into a general conference of the sound money Democrats.

"If I can judge by the dispatches I am receiving," said Mr. Bynum, of the executive committee, to-day, "instead of the single report of the thirty odd States that will be represented, we shall have here a gathering of two or three hundred representative Democrats, whose opinions will command attention. I think there is no doubt that a convention will be called in September. We find in other State as well as Indiana that the politicians have largely stumped, but among the business men and the people there is a determination to hold the party true to its traditions and defeat the undemocratic ticket nominated at Chicago upon a platform that is anything but Democratic."

The Executive Committee to-night completed arrangements for a big public meeting at Tomlinson Hall Saturday night. Among the speakers will be Gen. E. S. Bragg, of Wisconsin; Jos. H. Outhwaite, of Ohio; Col. J. O Broadhead, of St. Louis, and Louis Ehrich, of Colorado.

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATS.

State Convention in Favor of Free Silver Coinage—Populists Will Name Four of the Nine Electors.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., August 4.—The Democratic State Convention assembled in the Exposition Hall at 11 30 a. m., with a full attendance of delegates. It was called to order by Chairman McDermott Ex-Speaker E. T. Champlin, of Blue Earth county, was chosen temporary chairman by acclamation. He accepted in a brief speech, in which he took strong grounds in favor of free silver coinage. After the election of secretaries and the appointment of the usual committees, the convention took a recess until 2 p. m.

NO FUSION

Between the Democrats and Populists in Indiana on the Electoral Ticket.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4.—There will be no fusion between the Populists and Democrats in Indiana upon the electoral ticket. The Democrats declare that they have nothing in particular to gain by fusion inasmuch as they believe four-fifths of the Populists will vote their ticket anyhow. At the Populist headquarters this feeling among the Democrats is well understood, and they are congratulating themselves that in their State Convention they "kept in the middle-of-the-road."

WARM WIRELETS.

The U. S. Treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday stood at $110,090,456. The withdrawals for the day amounted to $306,700.

The Brilliant Tube and Pipe Works, of Brilliant, Ohio, have made an assignment. The assets and liabilities are unknown. Five hundred hands are thrown out of employment.

The Democratic Convention of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri nominated Hon. Richard P. Bland by acclamation. The greatest enthusiasm for Bland was shown by the delegates.

The testimony brought at yesterday's session of the coroner's inquest in the Meadow collision seems to fix the direct responsibility for the accident upon the dead engineer of the Reading Railroad express, Edward Parr.

Near Scottsboro, Ala., yesterday, Miss Donie Proctor and Mayard Covans were instantly killed in a storm. They had sought shelter from rain and win in an old outhouse when suddenly it was blown down with the above result.

A London dispatch says upon the failure of Moore Bros., of Chicago, becoming known there, there was a general break in the prices of American railroad securities. On the street they closed at a decline of ¾@1¾c on the day.

The main building of the extensive phosphate and fertilizer works of Baugh & Sons, Philadelphia, were destroyed by fire yesterday. Superintendent Wells estimated the company's loss at $300,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

At Des Moines, Ia., yesterday, the gold Democratic conference met. There were seventy-five Democrats present. It is expected that delegates to the Indianapolis Convention will be selected, but there is considerable opposition to putting a State ticket in the field.

STANLEY AND THE KONGO.

The Great Explorer Tells of His First Journey Down the River.

The geographical world was anxious to know what was this mysterious river, the quest of which had occupied Livingstone's declining years. The London Daily Telegraph joined with the New York Herald in defraying the cost of this second expedition. The story of how I set out a second time from Zanzibar, circumnavigated the Victoria Nyanza, discovered Lake Albert Edward, voyaged around Lake Tanganyika and reached Livingstone's farthest point—Nyangwe—on the banks of the Lualaba, has been told in detail in my book, "Through the Dark Continent." It also relates how, after a tedious land journey parallel with the river, I made ready my English boat, collected about a score of native canoes, embarked my followers, and how, after a course of nearly 1,800 miles, we reached the Atlantic ocean at the mouth of the Kongo. By this river voyage the question which had puzzled Livingstone for 11 years was solved. It is a noticeable fact that when I began my descent of the Kongo I was the only white man—excepting my companion, Frank Pocock—to be found between the Zambezi and the Bahr-el-Ghazal and between Zanzibar and the lower Kongo.

It may easily be understood why, on returning from the discovery of the great African waterway, I should be anxious that England should avail herself of it. In 1816 England had dispatched a naval expedition under Captain Tuckey to ascend the Kongo, but it terminated disastrously 200 miles inland. In 1873 Captain Grandy, another English officer, had attempted the task. In 1876 Admiral Hewitt's expedition had suppressed the pirates of the lower Kongo. For over 60 years England had kept watch over the Kongo slavers. Half of the expenses of my expedition had been contributed in England. She was also rich, tender and just toward the natives, and her people were the best colonizers in the world. All these facts were, in my opinion, claims that might justify England in stepping forward and taking possession.—Henry M. Stanley in Century.

Cause and Effect.

First Old Lady—So poor Jerry Grimes is gone at last. Consumption, the doctor said it were.

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First Old Lady—Oh, that don't make no difference! My sister's 'usband was carried off by gastric fever, and they never had no gas in the house at all. They always burned kerosine.—London Fun.

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C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Sole Agent for Butterick Patterns and W. B. Corsets. jy 26 tf

If You Are Not A Customer

Of Ours It will be Worth Your While to Come In Some Time and See Us!

And look over our large department store. Customers that trade with us regularly know we have the best and largest selection of Dry Goods of every style of any house in the city. We handle no one thing as a specialty. We make leaders of everything in our house, selling every article at the least possible price, and having only one price and that price the same to all.

We have received this week samples of large Crayon and Water Colored Portraits, 16 by 20 inches, that we have made from any photograph you may wish, free of cost to you. We furnish you with a card to spend $10.00 in cash money in our store. We have the Portrait enlarged for you free. Come and look at the work and get a card. We do this as an advertisement only, not as a money-making scheme.

Received by express this week:

10 pieces of White Organdie, 38 inches wide, at 12½c per yard.

8 pieces all wool Challie, 24 inches wide, at 10c.

28 pieces of White Taffeta Ribbon, all very pretty, from 15 to 35c per yard.

10 dozen new Sailor Hats, from 10, 15, 25 to 50c. Our big line of fine Sailors, worth $1.25, now reduced to 75c each, made of fine Milaud Straw with silk band and leather sweat-band.

A big drive of Pearl Buttons, all styles, from 5c to $1.50 a dozen. The best selection in the city.

By freight: 15 roles of fine, heavy Matting, beautiful goods, at 12½ and 15c; cotton warp, seamless, at 20, 22½ and 25c per yard.

Hemp Carpet, from 15 to 20c per yard, very good.

Large Cotton Towels, 44 by 22 inches, for 10c; Turkish Bath Towels for 5 and 10c; the best Linen, extra large, with knoted fringe at 25c.

Large Doylies, 1 dozen in a bolt for $1 00, 15 by 15 inches.

A very nice line of Pocketknives for children, with fancy handles, at 5c; better at 10c; four-blade Knives with buckhorn handle at 25c; pearl handle at 25c.

Fine Razors at 75c, $1.00, 1.25 each.

Dress Goods daily received.

You will find us at 112 North Front street, opposite the Orton House.

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au 2 tf WILMINGTON'S BIG RACKET STORE.

Special Clearance Sale BY JOHNSON & FORE.

Commencing Monday, the 20th Inst.,

WE OFFER SOME UNHEARD OF BARGAINS.

Your Choice of Ladies' Shirt Waists at 75 cts, Former Price $1.25 to 1.75.

Twenty Pieces 36-inch Percale at 6c Per Yrd.

Lawns at 10c Per Yard, Former Price 15 and 20 cts.

A Few Linens at 30c, Worth 50 and 60 cts.

All Millinery Goods for less than Cost.

Don't Miss the Sale.

JOHNSON & FORE,

Agents Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Underwear. jy 19 tf

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